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LIGHTING SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO AN AUDIO INPUT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the second iteration of claim 30, beginning on line 9 of page 53 of the specification.

Please substitute claim 31 below for the pending claim with the same number. A marked-up version of prior pending claim 31 with all changes made by the current amendment shown using bolded bracketing and underlining is attached hereto as the pages captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"**.

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31. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 93, wherein the lighting program is a first lighting program, and wherein the method further includes an act of, during execution of the first lighting program in the act (C), switching to execution of a second lighting program in response to the second characteristic of the audio input.

Please add new claim 93 as follows:

93. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the at least one characteristic of the audio signal includes at least first and second characteristics, wherein the lighting program performs a mapping function from the first characteristic of the audio input to the at least one of the control signals, and wherein the act (D) includes an act of, during execution of the lighting program in the act (C), changing the mapping function performed by the lighting program in response to the second characteristic of the audio input.

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REMARKS

In preparing a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts in the present application, Applicants noted that two iterations of a claim 30 inadvertently were filed in the application. Accordingly, in this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have cancelled the second iteration of claim 30 beginning with line 9 on page 53 of the application, and have added this claim as new claim 93. Originally filed claim 31, which was intended to depend from the originally filed second iteration of claim 30, has been amended herein to now depend from new claim 93. No new matter is added. An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 31 has been amended as follows:

31. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [30] 93, wherein the lighting program is a first lighting program, and wherein the method further includes an act of, during execution of the first lighting program in the act (C), switching to execution of a second lighting program in response to the second characteristic of the audio input.

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